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Applicant: Kazue Sako

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For: ELECTRONIC REVENUE STAMP

ISSUING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF AND RECORDING MEDIUM STORED CONTROL

PROGRAM THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. "1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. "Design of electronic revenue stamp system", 1999, pp.389-394, written by A. Shimbo, et al.

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Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference. The relevance of the above-identified reference has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. '1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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